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SUBJ: PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO QATAR

REF: DOHA 0384

1. PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER MUHAMMAD MUTIA VISITED DOHA APR 6-8. HE MET WITH AMIR, TO WHOM HE REPORTEDLY DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM SOUTH YEMENI PRESIDENT SALIM RUBAYI ALI. MUTIA DESCRIBED CONVERSATION WITH AMIR AS "POSITIVE".

2. MUTIA MET ALSO WITH GOQ FOREIGN AND EDUCATION MINISTERS, AND FORMER HOSTED DINNER IN HIS HONOR. (AMBASSADOR WAS INVITED AND ATTENDED DINNER.) THERE WAS PROMINENT MEDIA COVERAGE OF VISIT AND PRESS ATTRIBUTED FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON TALKS TO QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER WHO REPORTEDLY STATED DISCUSSIONS WERE "FRUITFUL AND SERVED TO DEEPEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES".

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COUNTRIES".

3. DURING APRIL 10 CONVERSATION, AMBASSADOR ASKED DR. HASSAN KAMEL, AMIR'S SENIOR POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR, WHAT EFFECT MUTIA VISIT AND RECENT SAUDI ANNOUNCEMENT OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH ADEN REGIME WOULD HAVE ON GOQ-PDRY TIES. IN REPLY KAMEL ENDORSED SAUDI-LED EFFORTS TO WEAN PDRY AWAY FROM "THE OTHER SIDE". HOWEVER, SAID KAMEL, NEITHER QATAR NOR OTHER GULF STATES WOULD BE RUSHING INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OR AID GIVING TO SOUTH YEMENIS. RATHER, ACCORDING KAMEL, GULF STATES WOULD WAIT AND SEE WHETHER RESULTS OF SAUDI INITIATIVE WERE POSITIVE, AND HE COMMENTED THAT THIS GO-SLOW POLICY OF GULF STATES TOWARD PDRY APPEARED TO ACCORD WITH SAUDI WISHES. PAGANELLI

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